

USMLE/COMLEX Scores, Medical Licensure, & Board Certification

ALL APPLICANTS are required to upload into MODS a copy of the official transcript from the NBME or NBOME showing all current exam dates and scores. Individual score reports are not acceptable.

MEDICAL STUDENTS: Selection for Graduate Medical Education (GME) is a competitive process that occurs through the Joint Service Graduate Medical Education Selection Board (JSGMESB).

- 1) You must attempt at least the written component of the Step/Level 2 licensing exams prior to the board.
- 2) It is strongly recommended that you also attempt the practical component of the Step/Level 2.
- 3) You must upload into MODS the complete NBME or NBOME transcript with Step/Level 1 and 2 scores no later than **15 October**, showing all exam dates and scores including unsuccessful attempts. Keep in mind that it may take up to 6 weeks to receive your results after you test.
- 4) Students may have a medical school official complete score report letter with a verification of all test attempts. A template is provided in the USEFUL DOCUMENTS section at:
<http://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/Organizations/Physician-Education-Branch/>.

NOTE: Selection for GME is contingent upon successful completion of Steps/Levels 1 and 2 and graduation from medical school prior to the start of GME (1 July). If you are unable to successfully complete these requirements by 1 July, your case will be evaluated for action by Physician Education (i.e., academic leave of absence, separation with recoupment of scholarship, etc.).

CURRENT INTERNS: You must have scheduled Step/Level 3 no later than the application deadline of **15 October**. The test date must be submitted with your application on the “Step/Level 3 Intention Form” available in the USEFUL DOCUMENTS section at:
<http://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/Organizations/Physician-Education-Branch/>.

Step/Level 3 must be taken prior to **15 March**, with passing results received by Physician Education no later than **30 April**. Selection for GME is contingent on successful completion of the Step/Level 3 licensing exam. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

CURRENT RESIDENTS & STAFF PHYSICIANS: You are required to upload into MODS a copy of the official transcript from the NBME or NBOME showing all current exam dates and scores, including Step/Level 3. Individual score reports are not acceptable.

Licensure: All applicants who have successfully completed a PGY1 must provide a copy of their current, unrestricted state medical license in accordance with AFI 44-119, paragraph 4.4.1.1. The license must be a **current, unrestricted, state issued medical license with license number and expiration date**. Internet verifications or a copy of a wallet card are preferred.

A state issued training license is not a valid unrestricted medical license

The Federation of State Medical Boards website has additional information regarding licensing requirements in each state: https://www.fsmb.org/licensure/usmle-step-3/state_specific

Board Certification: Board certification is required for all applicants who have completed a full residency. If Board Certification is pending, this must be addressed in the Personal Essay.